

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. SUBSTANCE AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

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SRM Number: 3240
MSDS Number: 3240
SRM Name: *Ephedra sinica* Stapf Aerial
Parts

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Description: Standard Reference Material (SRM) 3240 consists of ten bottles of *Ephedra sinica* Stapf ground aerial parts, each containing approximately 5 g of material.

Substance: *Ephedra sinica* Stapf ground aerial parts

2. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS¹

Component:	Ephedrine
Other Designations:	Ephedrine (ephedrin; alpha-(1-(methylamino)ethyl)benzenemethanol; 1-phenyl-2-methylaminopropanol; 1-phenyl-1-hydroxy-2-methylaminopropane; 2-methylamino-1-phenyl-1-propanol; 1-hydroxy-2-methylamino-1-phenylpropane; natural ephedrine; alpha-hydroxy-beta-methylaminopropylbenzene;)
CAS Number:	299-42-3
EC Number (EINECS):	206-080-5
SRM Nominal Concentration (mass %):	1.13
EC Classification:	Xn
EC Risk (R No.):	22
EC Safety (S No.):	2, 22, 25

¹Hazardous components 1 % or greater; Carcinogens 0.1 % or greater are listed in compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NFPA Ratings (Scale 0–4): Health = 1 Fire = 2 Reactivity = 0

Major Health Hazards: No significant target effects reported.

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation: Short-term exposure by inhalation may cause nausea, vomiting, irregular heartbeat, blurred vision, dilated pupils, lung congestion, convulsions or even a coma.

Skin Contact: Long-term exposure to the skin may cause a rash.

Eye Contact: Short-term eye contact may cause dilated pupils and glaucoma.

Ingestion: Short-term exposure by ingestion may cause allergic reactions, rash, nausea, vomiting, irregular heartbeat, headache, dizziness, disorientation, blurred vision, dilated pupils, lung congestion and convulsions.

**Listed as a Carcinogen/
Potential Carcinogen:**

Ephedrine

Yes No

_____ X In the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens.

_____ X In the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs.

_____ X By the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation:	If adverse effects occur, remove to uncontaminated area. Give artificial respiration, if not breathing, by qualified personnel. Get immediate medical attention.
Skin Contact:	Rinse affected area with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing. Get medical attention, if needed.
Eye Contact:	Flush eyes, including under the eyelids, with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Get immediate medical attention.
Ingestion:	Get immediate medical attention. If vomiting occurs, keep head lower than hips to prevent aspiration. Give artificial respiration, if not breathing, by qualified personnel.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Fire and Explosion Hazards:	Ephedrine is a moderate fire hazard.
Extinguishing Media:	Regular dry chemical. Carbon dioxide. Water. Regular foam.
Fire Fighting:	Move container from fire area if it can be done without risk. Use extinguishing media appropriate for the surrounding fire. Wear full protective clothing and NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
Component:	Ephedrine
Flash Point:	85 °C (185 °F)
Method Used:	Not available.
Autoignition Temp.:	Not available.
Flammability Limits in Air	
UPPER (Volume %):	Not available.
LOWER (Volume %):	Not available.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Occupational Release:	Collect small spilled material in an appropriate container for disposal. Keep out of water supplies and sewers.
Disposal:	Refer to Section 13, "Disposal Considerations".

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Storage:	Store and handle in accordance with all current regulations and standards. Store in a cool, dry place.
Safe Handling Precautions:	See Section 8, "Exposure Controls and Personal Protection".

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Limits:	Ephedrine: No occupational exposure limits established.
Ventilation:	Provide local exhaust ventilation system.
Respirator:	If necessary, refer to the "NIOSH Guide to the Selection and Use of Particulate Respirators Certified under 42 CFR 84" for selection and use of respirators with organic vapor cartridges certified by NIOSH.
Eye Protection:	Wear safety goggles. An eye wash station should be readily available near areas of use.
Personal Protection:	Wear appropriate protective clothing and chemically resistant gloves to prevent skin exposure.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Component:	Ephedrine
Appearance:	Crystals. Colorless to white.
Relative Molecular Mass:	165.24
Molecular Formula:	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{NHCH}_3$
Boiling Point:	255 °C (491 °F)
Melting Point:	34 °C –40 °C (93 °F –104 °F)
Water Solubility:	5 %
Solvent Solubility:	Soluble in alcohol, ether, benzene, chloroform. Moderately soluble in mineral oils.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability:	<u> X </u> Stable <u> </u> Unstable
	Stable at normal temperatures and pressure.
Conditions to Avoid:	Avoid heat, flames, sparks, and other sources of ignition. Avoid contact with incompatible material.
Incompatible Materials:	Oxidizing materials.
Fire/Explosion Information:	See Section 5, “Fire Fighting Measures”.
Hazardous Decomposition:	Oxides of carbon. Nitrogen.
Hazardous Polymerization:	<u> </u> Will Occur <u> X </u> Will Not Occur

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Route of Entry:	<u> X </u> Inhalation <u> X </u> Skin <u> X </u> Ingestion
Toxicity Data:	Ephedrine Man, Unreported LD _{LO} : 9 mg/kg Rat, Oral LD ₅₀ : 600 mg/kg
Tumorigenic, Reproductive, Mutagenic Data:	Ephedrine has been investigated as a reproductive effector.
Health Effects (Acute and Chronic):	See Section 3: “Hazards Identification” for potential health effects.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity Data:	Not available.
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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal:	Dispose in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
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14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

U.S. DOT and IATA:	Not regulated by DOT or IATA
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15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

U.S. Regulations:	CERCLA Sections 102a/103 (40 CFR 302.4): Not regulated. SARA Title III Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30): Not regulated. SARA Title III Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40): Not regulated. SARA Title III Section 313 (40 CFR 372.65): Not regulated. OSHA Process Safety (29 CFR 1910.119): Not regulated.
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SARA Title III Sections 311/312 Hazardous Categories (40 CFR 370.21):

ACUTE:	Yes.
CHRONIC:	Yes.
FIRE:	Yes.
REACTIVE:	No.
SUDDEN RELEASE:	No.

State Regulations: California Proposition 65: Not regulated.

CANADIAN Regulations

WHMIS Classification: Not determined.

EUROPEAN Regulations

EC Classification (assigned): Xn Harmful.

EC Risk Phrases: R22 Harmful if swallowed.

EC Safety Phrases: S2 Keep out of reach of children.
S22 Do not breathe dust.
S25 Avoid contact with eyes.

National Inventory Status

U.S. Inventory (TSCA): Ephedrine: Listed on inventory.

TSCA 12(b)

Export Notification: Ephedrine: Not listed.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Sources: MDL Information Systems, Inc., MSDS *Ephedrine*, 16 June 2005

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